

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein:

the determining and recording that the player is generally authorized to engage in lottery games comprises verifying and recording the player's age when providing general authorization to access the wireless lottery gateway;

the verifying that the player is authorized to engage in lottery games when providing new prepaid credit comprises verifying the player's age when providing the new prepaid;

the determining of the geographic location of the player is based on the location of the wireless terminal;

and the method further comprises notifying the player when they have won; and providing means for the player to verify that the player has won by at least one of:

presentation of a prepaid credit account number used to play a winning game and the associated personal identification number;

presentation of a reference number provided with a winning notification and the wireless terminal used to play the lottery game; and

presentation of a photo identification and wireless network account information for verifying ownership of the wireless terminal used to play the lottery game.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising:

providing a registry of lotto cards representing new prepaid credit, each lotto card including a lotto card number and the personal identification number required to authorize access to the new prepaid credit and having a predetermined value, where, the verifying that the player is authorized to engage in lottery games when providing new prepaid credit comprises providing at least one lotto card to the player, and at the time of providing said at least one lotto card to the player, determining that the player is generally authorized to engage in said lottery games; and

the providing access to play one or more lottery games via the wireless lottery gateway based on an amount available in said prepaid credit account comprises:

determining if an amount is available in said prepaid credit account and determining if said amount is sufficient for game play; and

if said amount is not sufficient for game play, requesting entry of a lotto card number having value available and the personal identification number associated therewith, verifying said lotto card number and personal identification number and registering said lotto card number for said wireless terminal by placing the predetermined value into the prepaid credit account associated with the player and repeating said determining if said amount is sufficient for gameplay.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein said determining and recording that the player is generally authorized to engage in said lottery games comprises determining and recording said player's age.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 5, wherein said lottery game provider is subject to governmental regulation.
5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein said providing access to play one or more lottery games comprises:
 - receiving information regarding a game to be played and information required for the game;
 - communicating the game to be played and the information required for the game to a lottery server of a lottery game provider;
 - receiving confirmation information of the game played and the information transmitted from said lottery server; and
 - recording said confirmation information in a database related to said lottery card number.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, further comprising communicating said confirmation to said wireless terminal.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 5, further comprising:
 - receiving information about winning plays from a lottery provider; and
 - informing a winning player of their winning.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising:
 - periodically reminding said winning player to collect their winnings.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising:

providing the lottery provider with information for verifying an identity of said winning player.

10.(Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein said winning player verifies their win to the lottery provider by at least one of:

presentation of a lotto card used to play the winning game and the associated personal identification number;

presentation of a reference number provided with winning notification and said wireless terminal used to play the lottery game; and

presentation of photo identification and wireless network account information.

11.(Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein said wireless terminal is provisioned for game play by an authorized dealer at the time said wireless terminal is first provided to said player.

12.(Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein said access code can be changed by said player.

13.(Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein said lottery application program comprises a graphical user interface.

14-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for wireless gaming using a wireless terminal over a wireless network, comprising:

determining and recording that a player is generally authorized to engage in lottery games;

verifying that the player is authorized to engage in lottery games, without reference to the determining and recording that a player is generally authorized to engage in lottery games, when providing new prepaid credit to be maintained in a prepaid credit account associated with the player and associated with a jurisdiction for lottery games;

requiring entry of a personal identification number to authorize access to said prepaid credit account;

requiring entry of an access code into said wireless terminal to authorize access to a wireless lottery gateway of the wireless network;

determining a geographic location of the player; and

providing access to play one or more lottery games via the wireless lottery gateway, based on: said recorded determination that the player is generally authorized to engage in lottery games, said determined location of the player, and an amount available in said prepaid credit account, and a jurisdiction with which the prepaid credit account is associated.